A very brief summary (due to the limited information we have) of aspects of Indigenous Canarian or Guanche beliefs. This glossary explains a number of words relating to deities or concepts the writers of the age of Conquest of the Canary Islands recorded and described according to native accounts and oral tradition. The first word in **bold** represents the hypothetical reconstruction based on the comparison with Amazigh roots, while the words in ***italics*** is the actual written form in historical Spanish or European chronicles followed by an approximate interpretation based on the meanings of the roots. In this presentation we use a personal spelling system:

-C = French *ch* sound (*chien*).

-J = French *j* sound (*jaune*).

-E = short *e* vowel as in Tuareg.

-Ä = short *ă* vowel as in Tuareg.

It is important to notice that the European chroniclers informed that the natives of each island were extremely diverse and different in customs, dress, dialect and beliefs, while displaying the same common features due to their common origin. Because of this, natives from all around the archipelago are reported to follow a variety of practices and beliefs, worshipping either the landscape (rocks, mountains, trees and forests), the stars, the Sun and Moon, multiple deities, divine couples (***Orahan*** and ***Moneiba***, ***Xerax*** and ***Chaxiraxi***), single spirits or gods (***Acorán***), or even no god at all! Thus, we can label the ancient Canarians variously as Animistic, Pantheistic, Pagan, Polytheistic, Dualistic, Monotheistic, and apparently also Atheistic/Agnostic, simply depending on the individual. This is the same for most cultures around the Mediterranean, Africa and Europe before the spread of Abrahamic religions.

AẒRU (*EZERO*): "Rock fortress/cliff"

Era-Uraɣan (*Eraorahan*): "One that is bright". Also. **Uraghan (*Orahan*)**, "Bright One".

God of men, consort of Moneiba. cf. Militarev 2018 HGR *era yorəh-ən* (arəh 'donner en retour').

Mney-bba (*Moneiba*): "Smoky mirror". cf. Tezcatlipoca ("smoky mirror", obsidian).

Goddess of women, consort of **Orahan**.

Aram-fay-buz (*Aranfaibo*): "Probe+flow+water".

Sacred black pig totem (real or idol) used to pray for rain.

Wen-Taqqa (*Bentaica*): "Place that supports".

Sacred mountain where the divine couple (**Orahan** and **Moneiba**) were worshipped. Axis mundi (Atlas)?

WEN-AHÄWAR-I (*BENAHOARE*): "Place of my ancestry" (əzwər, *əhwər, Hawwara, Ahäggar*)

Abära (*Abora*): "Sorghum seed".

Celestial divinity, star?* cf. Militarev 2018 Afroasiatic **bVr(ʔ)* ('to create')/East Iwellemeden Tuareg *bor-t-ən* (pl.) ('génies, esprits').

Iḍaf (*Idafe*): "Guard/sentinel".

Sacred rock that "*supports the sky*" (sic). Axis mundi (Atlas)?.

Hawa-mrän (*Haguanran*): "Sick *hagua* (dog)".

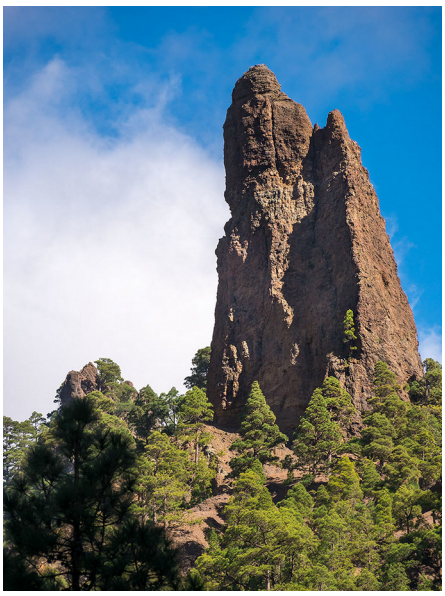
Dog deity worshipped in Tedote. (Haguayan, "dogs") cf. Pliny: Anubis cult south of the Atlas.

Iruwwän (*iruenes*): "Jinn, spirits".

Spirits shaped like dogs of thick black fur. (Vycichl 1952).

Tigäwtan (*Tigotan*): "Rainy cloud/Skies".

Sky, heaven.



Roque Idafe, La Palma.

GHUMAR(A) (*GOMERA*): "(Tribe) of the Great/Ghomara?" (*aɣmar, ɣumara, amqqran*).

Majjyal (*Machial*): "High one".

Spirit of a sacred rock.

Irggwan (*irguanes*): "Jinn, spirits".

Spirits shaped like bipedal dogs of thick black fur. (Vycichl 1952).

TINECCÄY (*CHINECHE*) or (W)ACENCEN/WACEN (*[GU]ACHINECHE/GUACHEN*): "Hells" or "Rumbling (volcano Teide?)" cf. Zenata and Cinithii, also *Wacen* (Ouachene) in Kabylie.

Wayya (*Guaya*): "Origin/cause/cede/authorise/guard".

At-u-Wayyu (*Achuguayo*): "Here be *Guay*(u)".

Supreme god.

Aqquran (*Acoran*): "Celestial One" or "Skies".

Supreme god, or one of the forms of the supreme god*. Also in Gran Canaria.

Accaman (*Achaman*): "Sparking One" or "lightning/light up".

Thunder god, one of the names of **Acorán**. cf. wolof *assamaan* (sky).

At-u-hu-Kanäk (*Achuhucanac*): "Here be One that is Rain". Also. **Hu-Kanak (*Hucanec*)**.

Rain god?, one of the names of **Acorán**.

At-u-hu-Urayan (*Achuhurahan*): "Here be One that is Bright". Also. **Hu-Urayan (*Hurahan*)**.

Solar god?, one of the names of **Acorán**.

At-Wayya-Ayray (*Achguayaxerax*): "Here be *Guaya* that supports the Sky". Also. **Wayya-Ayray (*Guayaxerax*)**

Celestial spirit, assimilated with Jesus during the Christianisation of Tenerife ("*he who sustains*"). Atlas?*. cf. Militarev 2018 Ahäggar *at wa ya-ɣereh* (serrer; sustain, keep safe).

Ayray (*Xerax*): "Supports the Sky".

Ancestor/god, "The Great", according to tradition. Atlas?*

Tayrayi (*Chaxiraxi*): "(She) Supports the Sky".

Celestial goddess, assimilated with the Virgin Mary (the Canarian *Virgen de Candelaria*) during the Christianisation of Tenerife. Mother of **Achguayaxerax**. cf. Militarev 2018 Ahäggar *ta-ɣereh-i* ("She is my sustaining").

Ma-gnnä (*Magné*): "Mother of Sky"

Name in Christian invocation. Also ***Mastay*** ("Mother of Growth"), ***Manéy*** ("Mother of New").

Ma-ɣeq (*Magec*): "Mother of Shine" or "The (fem.) Shiny One" (**M-ayeq**).

Sun, female divinity according to Amazigh tradition. Also in Gran Canaria.

Watämak (*Guatimac*): "One that hides/fixes sight".

Ceramic idol worn around the neck by the *guanameñe* diviners (high priests). Its original shape suggests it represented an owl, confirmed by its name.*

Old photography of the *Guatimac.*

Hu-Qanca (*Hucancha*): "Here be the *Cancha* (dog)".

Spirit or god shaped like a dog of thick black fur.

Tarayr (*Taraire*): "Ogress, female demon". (Ayt-Meryad *tarir*, Kab. *teryel*, MC. *tergu)*

Alternative name of volcano Teide.

Wa-n-Ayaḍ (*Guañajá*): "One of the (Goat) Herd".

Protecting spirit of goats.

Waywta (*Guayota*): "One that smashes/forges/crafts/mounts".

Demon or god that resides inside Teide. cf. Greek forging god Hephaestus inside Etna.

Volcanoes forge/craft land.

Eccäḍ (*Echeide*):
"Evil/dangerous/hideous"

Underworld (interior of Teide).

Motifs painted along the walls of the *Cueva Pintada* cave in Gáldar, Gran Canaria.

Gran Canaria

KANAR(A) (*CANARIA*): "(Tribe) of the front/vanguard".

Wayya-har-mänd(a) (*Guayarmina/Arminda*): "*Guaya* till the end of drought".

Name or title of a daughter of *guanarteme* (chief) ***Tenezwurt Semmiḍan*** (*Tenesor Semidán*), possibly an epithet of the star Canopus (cosmic egg according to Amazigh tradition), that disappears under the horizon during drought season (from April till August). The name/title might have some matriarchal and politico-religious connotation.

Mäss-tɣennä (*Mastegena*): "Mistress/Lady of Creation/"

Name or title of a princess of House ***Semidán*** (cousin of ***Guayarmina***), occasionally followed by the name ***Arminda***.

Mäss-aqqr (*Masaquera*): "Mistress/Lady of the Sky"

Name or title of a princess of House ***Semidán*** (cousin of ***Guayarmina***), occasionally followed by the name ***Arminda***. Possibly the same person as ***Mastegena***.

cf. inscription from Lanzarote (QR+GhN, "copulation+creation")

M-aragu-yar (*Maraguya/maraguyos*): "The (fem.) Evil Ogress" ó **Imaraguyän***

Trickster spirits.

Tibizzäna (*Tibicenas*): "Dark/black ones (fem.)".

Spirits shaped like dogs of thick black fur.

Wen-Taqqa (*Bentaiga*): "Place that Supports".

Sacred rock and oratory near the centre of the island. Axis mundi (Atlas)?

Tamggant n Aqquran (*tamogante en Acoran*): "Woman in service of Acoran".

Described as a "House of God" where virgins live secluded as priestesses, ie. a sort of convent or monastery. cf. Roman Vestal virgins.

Roque Bentayga, Gran Canaria.

Fuerteventura

MÄHAR-ÄT (*MAHORATA*): "(Tribe) of the Country/Land/Encampment" (*amazir*, *tămăhart*).

Magu (*Mago/Majo*): "Apparition/manifestation" or "smoke/fog/rainy cloud/West".

Ancestor spirits/ghosts shaped as clouds of smoke or fog. They were considered to appear ("manifest") as small clouds coming from the Ocean (to the West) during the Summer solstice. Also in Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, Tenerife.

Mägättu (*Magot*): "Decline/Set (a star, the Sun, etc.)"

Sun, alternative name for Magec?. cf. Carles Múrcia *maguț* (One that submerges).